

I have recently read about NIEHS and their testing standards and I wanted to point out a few things.

First of all, animals should not be forced to suffer because of governmental reasons, as it is unethical and inhumane. You already have the non-animal method, but why make it just a starting dose? If it can save the lives of animals and make them suffer no longer, it should be implemented as the only test without the slaughter. I quote here a paragraph from the article I read, as it is so well written. "At a minimum, ALL government agencies that currently require the acute animal-poisoning studies should IMMEDIATELY incorporate the in vitro cell culture method as a transitional means of reducing the number of animals killed and should fully support the use of this method as an eventual REPLACEMENT for lethal-dose poisoning studies. In particular, the EPA must immediately incorporate the non-animal cell culture method into its HPV chemical program, as promised in its October 1999 agreement with the animal protection community."

I thank you for time, and would love to see the abuse and torture of animals stop in the future.